

Subject: Non-Metropolitan Local Consultaton Policy

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Dear Sir/Ma'am:

I would like to comment on the draft Non-Metropolitan Local Consultation Policy under review by ADOT & PF. As a Federally Recognized Tribe, I would like to see consultations on a "Government to Government" basis. I think that language to that effect should be included in the policy. "Tribes" should be added so that the policy reads..."DOT&PF will use the following process for consultation with local officials and tribes in non-metropolitan areas:".

Furthermore, "tribes" should be added elsewhere in the policy: "in each organized city, borough, and tribe...", "local governments and tribes...", "each community and tribe...", etc. To exclude "tribes" in the consultation policy and process would not be beneficial to the State of Alaska, Alaska Tribes, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Thank you for considering my opinion; as you review the draft Non-Metropolitan Local Consultation Policy.

Sincerely,
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